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Dwelling Units for Okinawa Station

Reference: Acting Chief, Hawaii Bureau memo dated 15 December 1948.

1. Specifications reviewed in paragraph one of reference memorandum are essentially correct. However, the hardening coat of concrete on residence quonset floors does not absorb moisture. Experience on the site indicates there is no danger or hazard from use of this type of flooring in housing units.
2. Use of fibre or la hula rugs is recommended on concrete floors. Dry closets are necessary primarily to protect leathersgoods, such as stored shoes, belts, straps, camera cases, etc., from mold. Humidity in Washington, D.C. is high enough to make such a precaution necessary during the summer.
3. A waterproof membrane on the operations building floors is necessary to keep asphalt tile from peeling off due to moisture content of unhardened or untreated concrete. Since asphalt tile is to be used, it was unnecessary to provide the same type of hardened surface concrete as will be used in the residences.
4. Your interest in these details is appreciated. Feel free to inquire into any other details.

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